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SUBJECT: TAX AND DUTY FREE SALES OF PERSONAL
PROPERTY

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1. DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
REPRESENTED IN US ARE AUTHORIZED TO IMPORT TWO NEW
DUTY FREE POV'S WITHIN 3-YEAR PERIOD. PRIVILEGES OF
NON-DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES ARE BASED ON RECIPROCITY.
IN CASE OF GOTT MISSION IN US, NON-DIPS MAY IMPORT
ONE POV DUTY FREE WITHIN FIRST 6 MONTHS OF ARRIVAL.
VEHICLES OF BOTH CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES MAY BE SOLD
AT ANY TIME WITHOUT RESTRICTION DURING TOD.

2. APPLYING RECIPROCITY IN WASHINGTON TO GOTT'S MORE
RESTRICTIVE RULES WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AS
ANY RESIDENT ALIEN NOT ATTACHED TO A DIPLOMATIC OR
CONSULAR MISSION MAY IMPORT DUTY FREE ONE POV AND
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NEEDS WAIT ONLY ONE YEAR BEFORE HE MAY SELL VEHICLE
WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUTY.

3. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION ON RE-SALE
PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO US PERSONNEL BY HOST GOVERN-
MENTS IS NOT EXTENSIVE, MANY IF NOT MOST APPEAR TO
ADHERE TO 2-YEAR RULE, COUNTING FROM DATE VEHICLE

ENTERS COUNTRY, BUT ARE FLEXIBLE IN CASES OF SHORTER
TOD'S OR DIRECT TRANSFERS. CHRISTOPHER

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